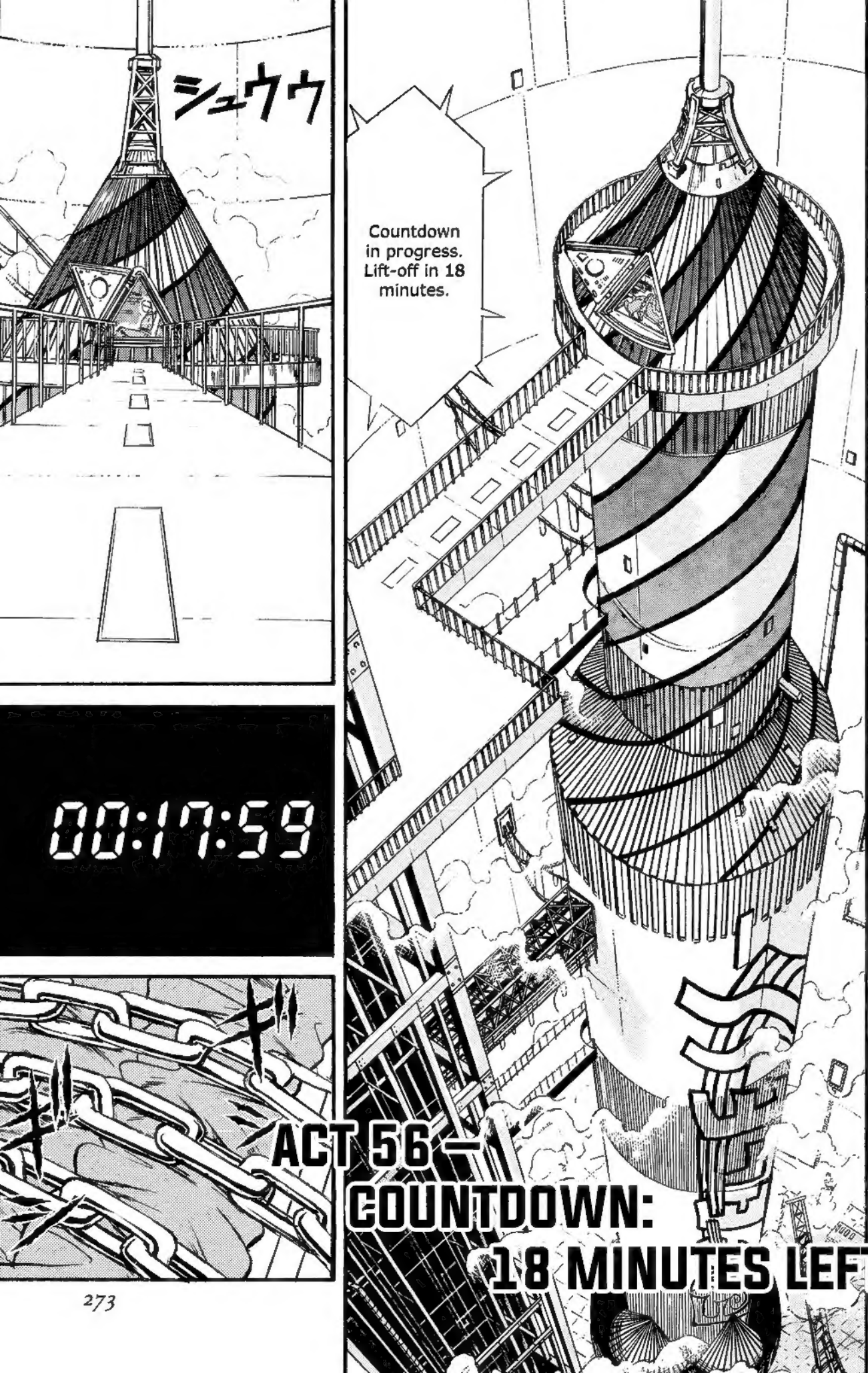

ACT 56 — COUNTDOWN: 18 MINUTES LEFT

...IT'S USE-LESS, HUH...
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WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING BY MAKING ME RIDE THIS THING?!
BE A GOOD GIRL, NOW.

...I CAN'T STAY HERE FOREVER!
DAMN YOU, FACELESS... EVERYONE IS IN DANGER...

DON'T BE STUPID, YOU THINK I'LL JUST BE WILL-ING TO GO?!
YOU'LL BE GOING TO THE LOVELY SPACE STATION 480 KILOMETERS AWAY, FOR YOUR HONEYMOON! WITH MASTER FACELESS!♡

WHAT ...?

AHAHAHAHAH... DO IT IF YOU CAN, THEN!!

EVEN IF I END UP GOING, I'LL DESTROY THIS ROCKET WITH HIM INSIDE...!!

WHAT DID HE MEAN?

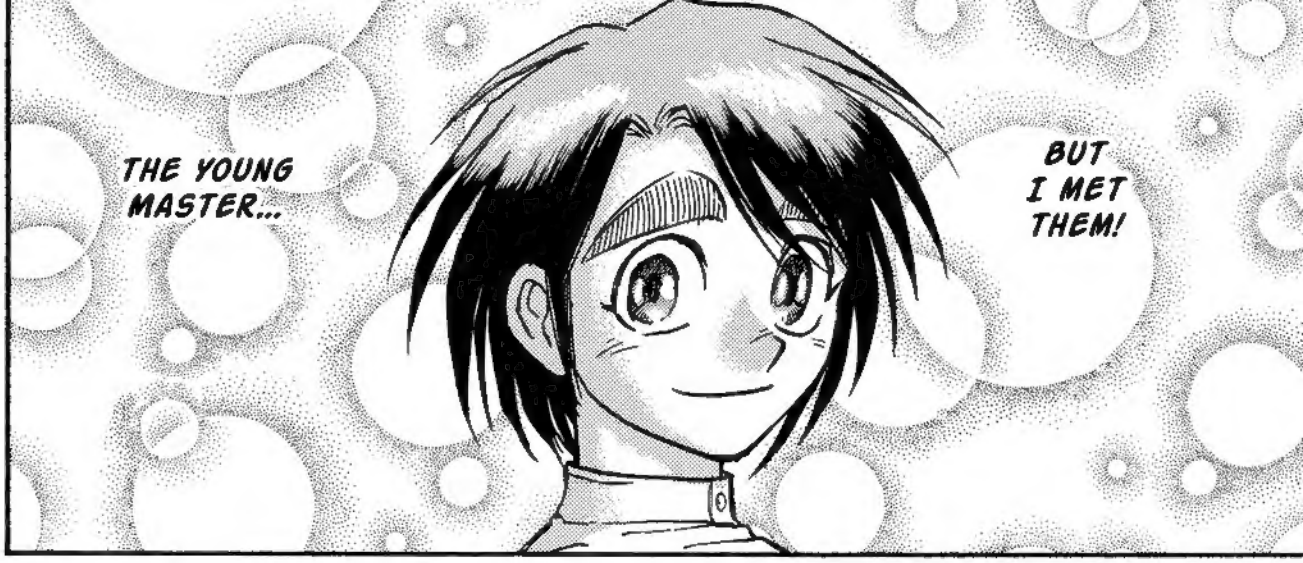
I SWEAR ON A CAT'S TAIL THAT YOU WON'T.

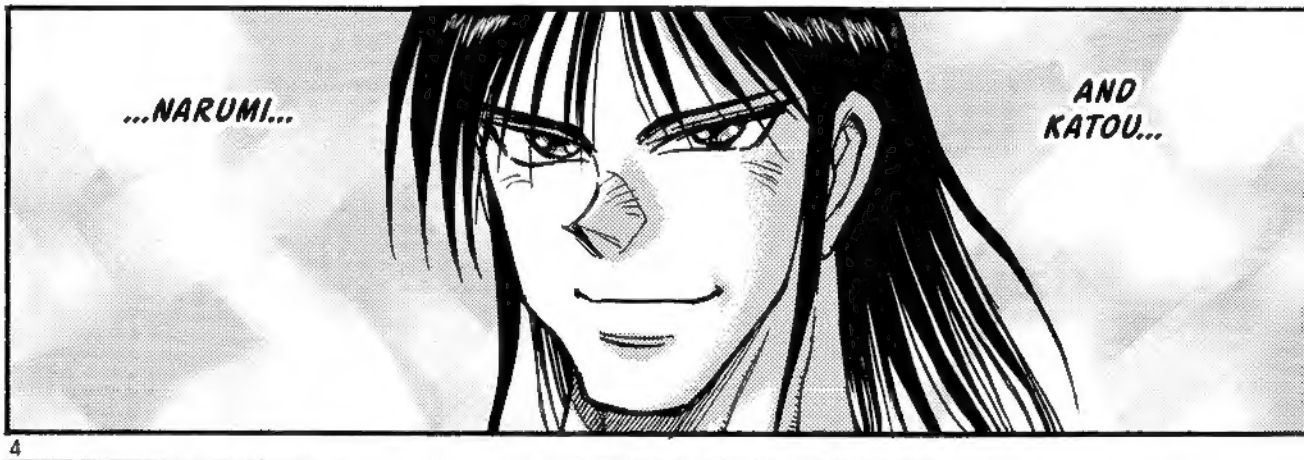
OH, EXCUSE MY MANNERS. I MEAN, YOU WOULD NEVER DO SUCH THING...

UNTIL TWO YEARS AGO, I COULD DIE FIGHTING THE AUTOMATA WITHOUT ANY REGRETS...?

...IT MIGHT BE TRUE.

IS HE SAYING THAT I DON'T HAVE THE RESOLVE TO DIE IN A TRADE-OFF?


THE YOUNG MASTER...
BUT I MET THEM!


...NARUMI...
AND KATOU...

AHH... AND HOW PAINFULLY ONE'S HEART CAN TREMBLE WHEN THINKING OF SOMEONE...

AHH... HOW WARM AND FUZZY ONE'S HEART CAN FEEL WHEN THINKING OF SOMEONE DEAR...

I DON'T WANT TO DIE AND LEAVE THE YOUNG MASTER ALONE...
AND I DON'T WANT TO DIE WHILE NARUMI THINKS I'M EVIL...
WAS HARLEQUIN ABLE TO PERCEIVE THESE REGRETS ...?
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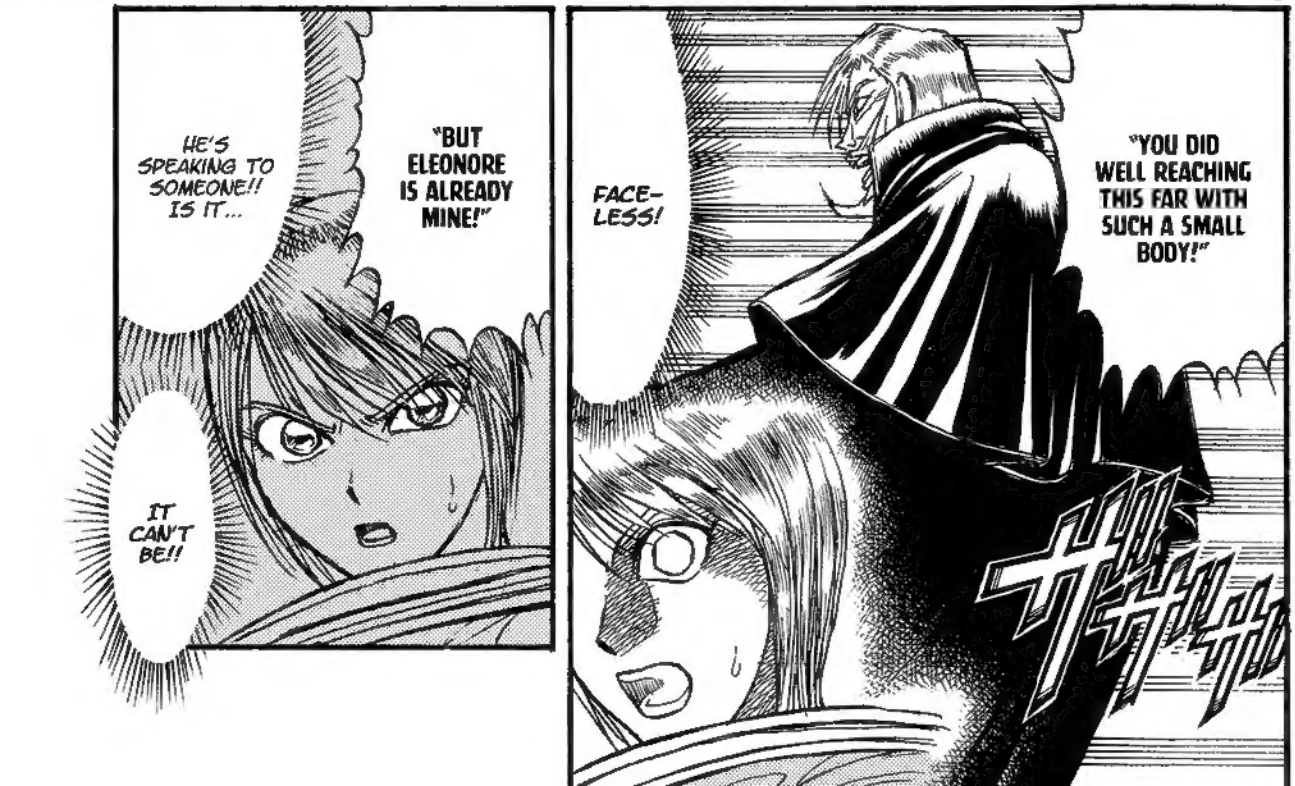
"YOU DID WELL REACHING THIS FAR WITH SUCH A SMALL BODY!"
FACE-LESS!
"BUT ELEONORE IS ALREADY MINE!"
HE'S SPEAKING TO SOMEONE!! IS IT...
IT CAN'T BE!!
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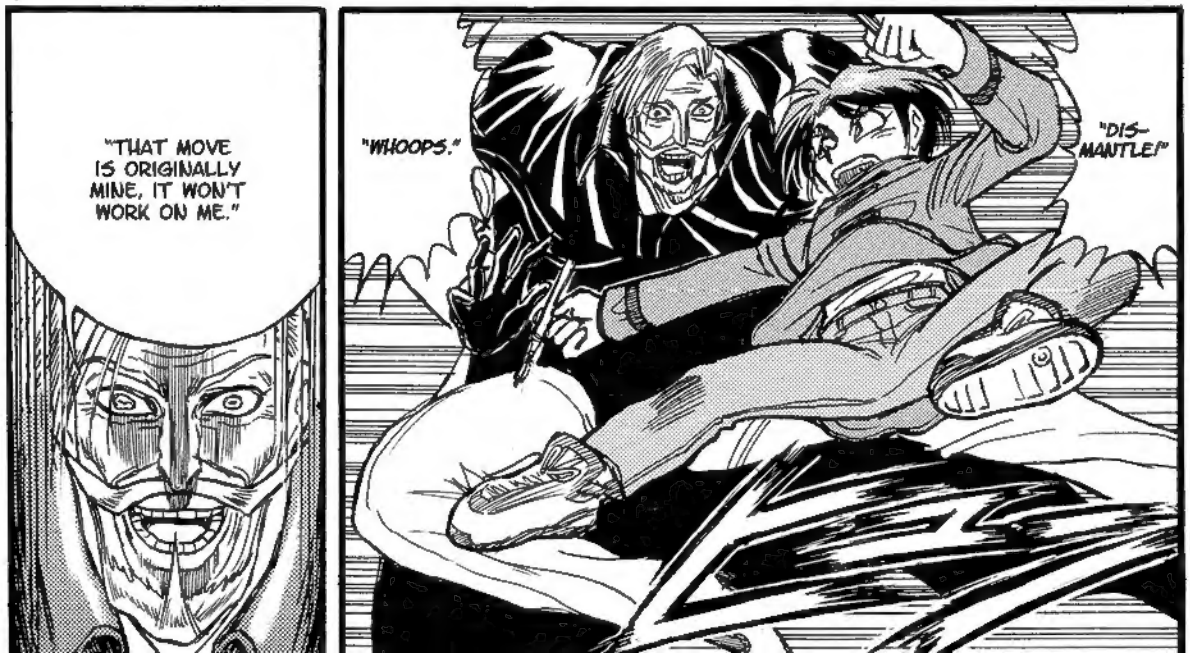
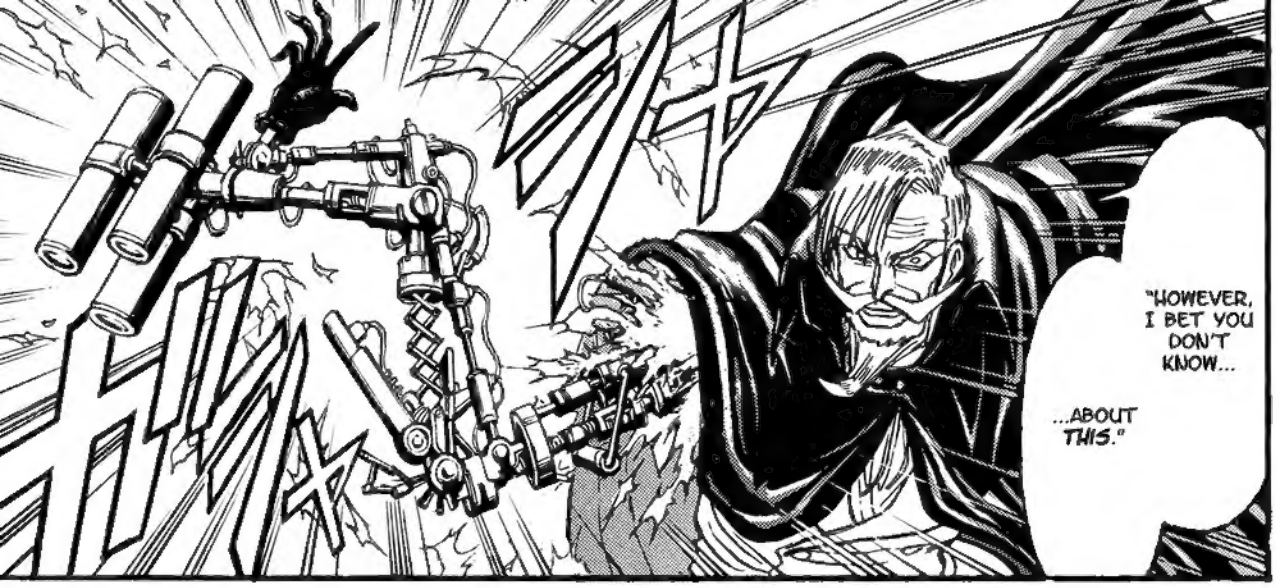
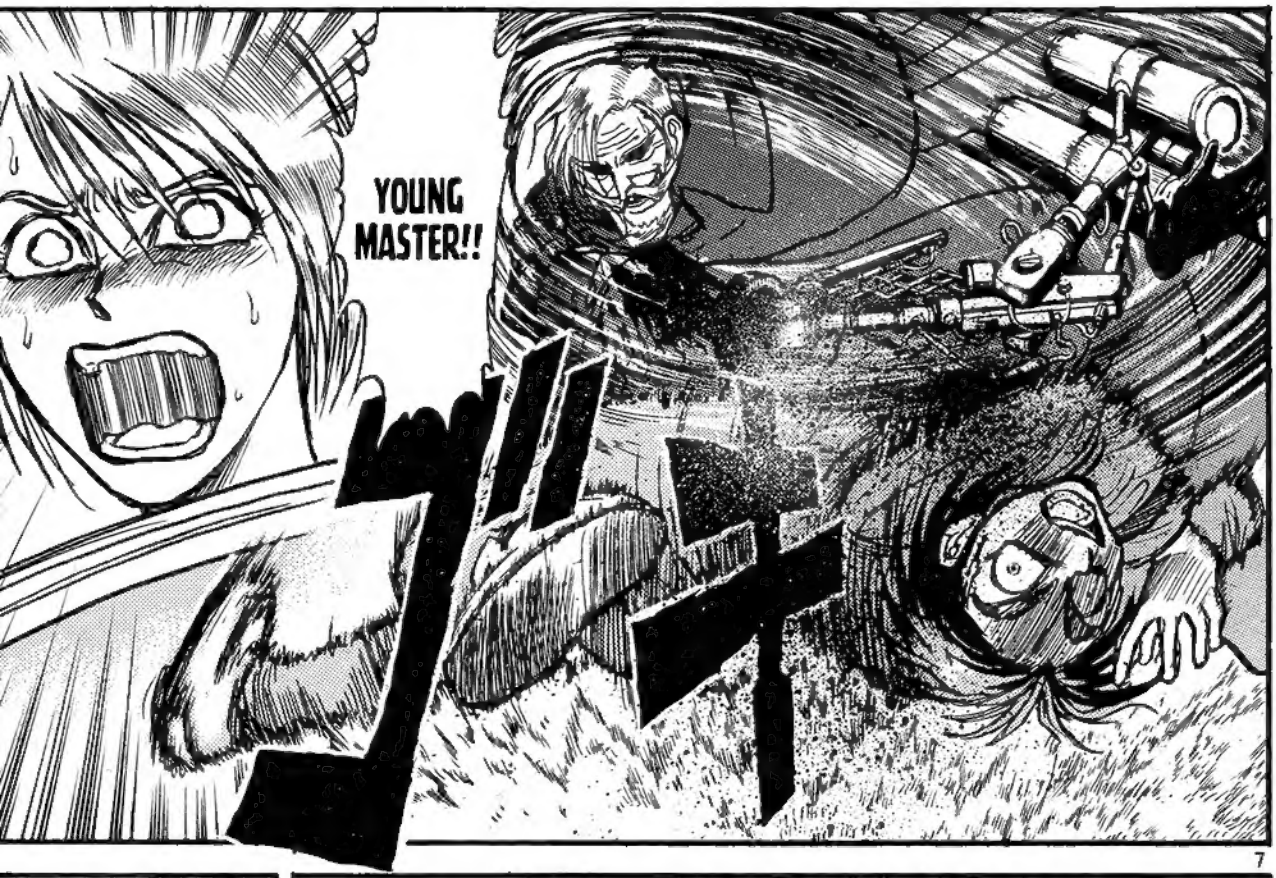
THE YOUNG MASTER!!
I WON'T LET YOU TAKE HER, FACELESS!!

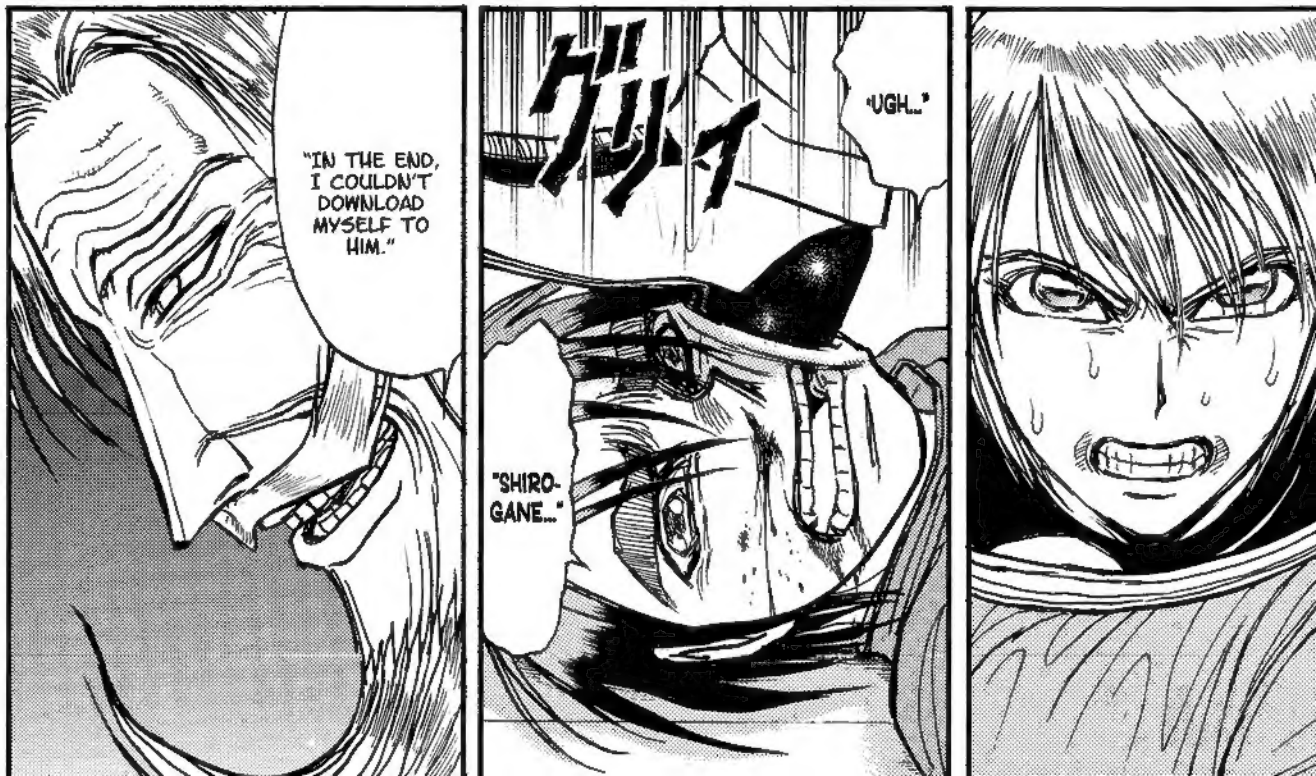

"THAT MOVE IS ORIGINALLY MINE, IT WON'T WORK ON ME."
"WHOOPS."
"DIS-MANTLE!"


"HOWEVER, I BET YOU DON'T KNOW...
...ABOUT THIS."


YOUNG MASTER!!

Countdown in progress. Lift-off in 15 minutes.

FACELESS! LET THE YOUNG MASTER GO!!
"HELLO, ELEONORE, MY BRIDE."
"THIS BRAT MADE IT THIS FAR. HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO SAVE YOU."
"I CAN'T DO THAT."
"I MUST SHOW YOU HIS DEATH, SO THAT YOU SEVER YOUR ATTACHMENT TO EARTH."


"IN THE END, I COULDN'T DOWNLOAD MYSELF TO HIM."
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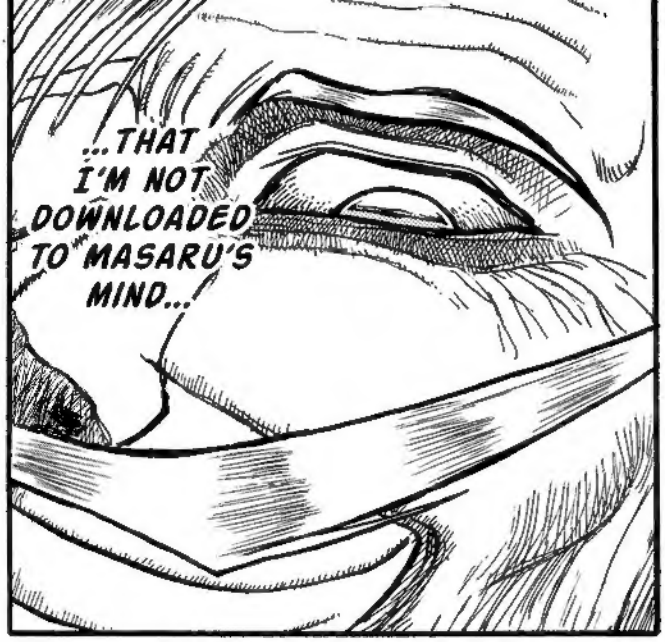
"UGH..."
"SHIRO-GANE..."

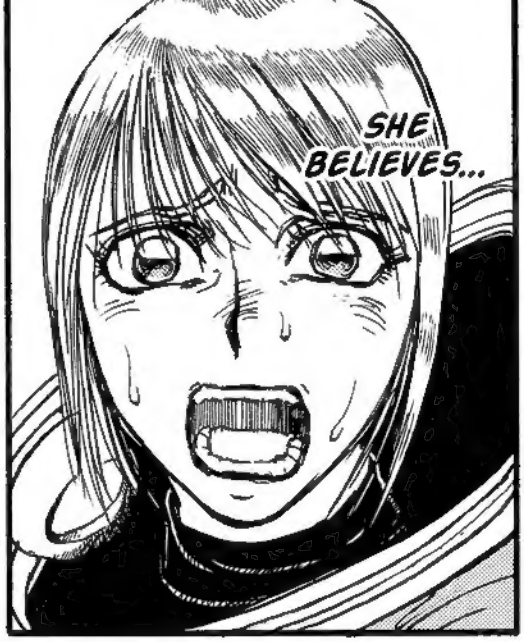
"SO MY PLAN TO APPROACH YOU BY TAKING OVER HIS MIND WAS A FAILURE."
"HE WAS REALLY RESISTANT."

Lift-off in 14 minutes.
I BEG YOU...

SO DON'T HURT THE YOUNG MASTER ANY-MORE...
OKAY... I GET IT, FACELESS!

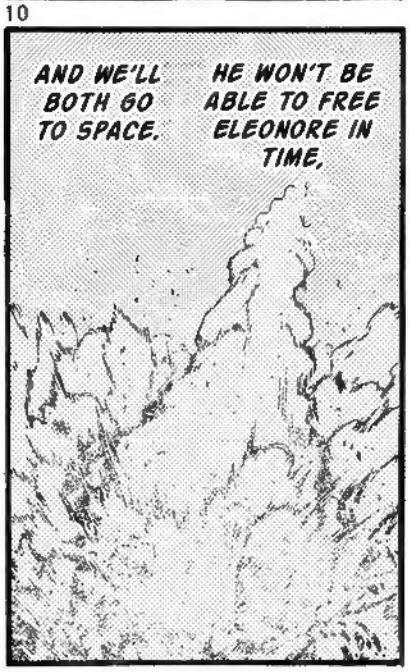
ELEONORE BOUGHT IT
IT'S PERFECT.


...THAT I'M NOT DOWNLOADED TO MASARU'S MIND...


SHE BELIEVES...

...AGAINST MYSELF INSIDE MASARU.
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS FOR THE OLD ME TO LOSE ON PURPOSE...

BUT THE TRUTH IS THAT MY REAL CONSCIOUSNESS HAS ALREADY BEEN DOWNLOADED TO MASARU HERE!

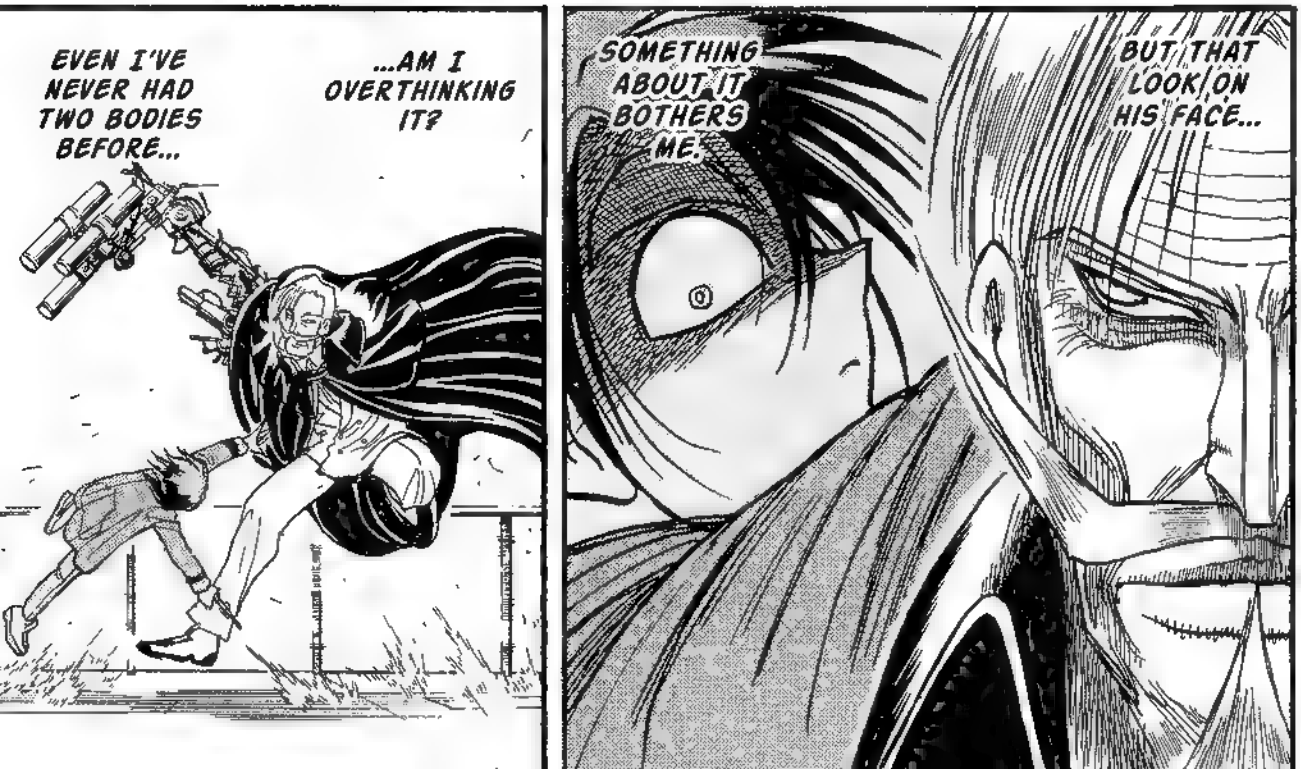

AND WE'LL BOTH GO TO SPACE.
HE WON'T BE ABLE TO FREE ELEONORE IN TIME.

BUT I HAVE NO INTENTION OF DYING, EITHER.
THE ME IN THIS OLD BODY NOT ONLY DOES NOT FEAR DEATH,
Lift-off in 13 minutes.
AHH,
I CAN'T WAIT...
...TO THIS NEW ME, TO ACCOMPLISH A LOVE THAT WAS UNREQUITED LONG AGO.
I'M JUST PASSING THE BATON...

I DODGED IT...?! WHAT AM I DOING? WAS IT ON REFLEX...? THIS OLD BODY STILL WANTS TO EXIST?

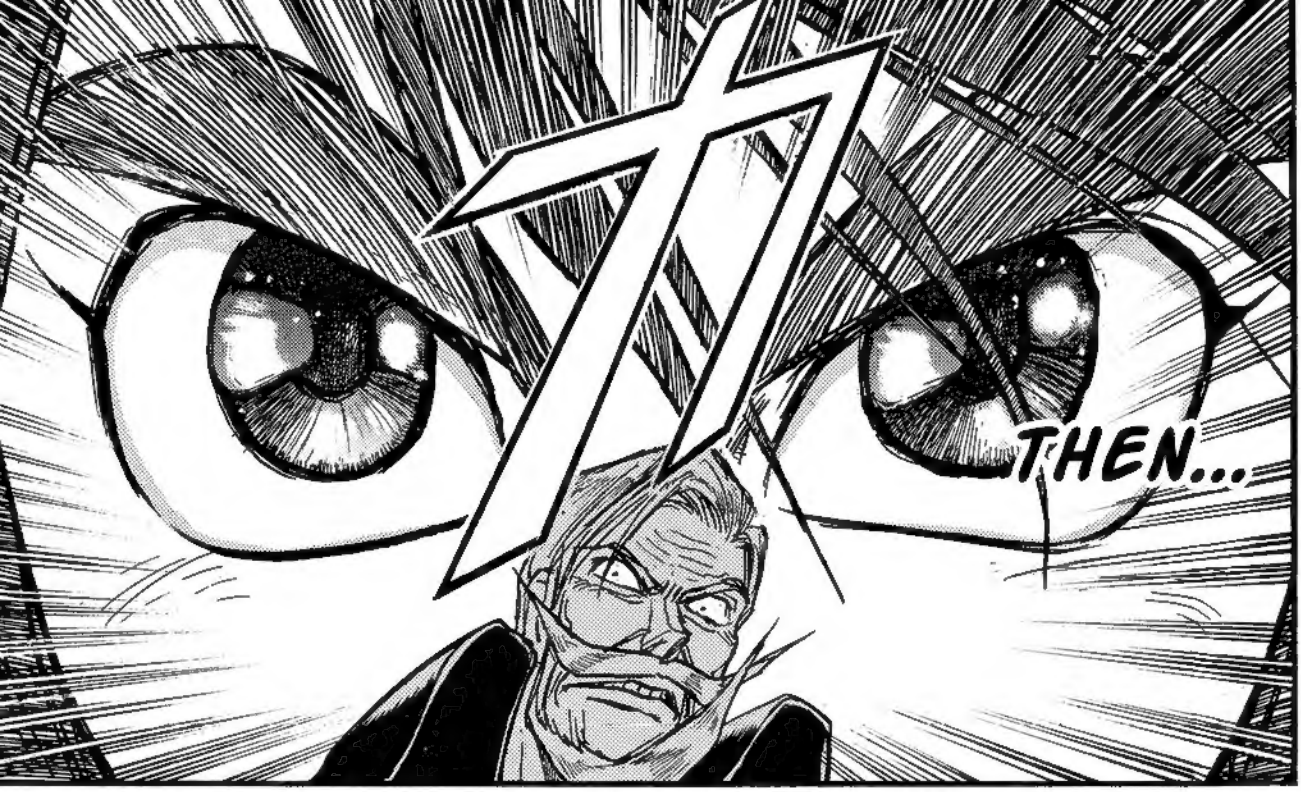
?!

SHIROGANE.. I'LL... SET YOU FREE NOW..
.....
SO CLOSE..
JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE AND FACELESS WOULD'VE BEEN .
AH.. YEAH
RIGHT, WHY DID I AVOID IT? IT WAS THE PERFECT CHANCE.
THE HELL. ? YOU WENT OFF-SCRIPT.


EVEN I'VE NEVER HAD TWO BODIES BEFORE...
...AM I OVERTHINKING IT?
SOMETHING ABOUT IT BOTHERS ME.
BUT THAT LOOK ON HIS FACE...

I'LL LET HIM GET ME GOOD!
COME, THIS TIME...
OUR THOUGHT PROCESS MIGHT BE THE SAME, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S THINKING NOW...
"THIS IS YOUR END, FACELESS."

..."DISMANTLES" ME HERE...
...IF MASARU...
NOW...
THIS IS IT!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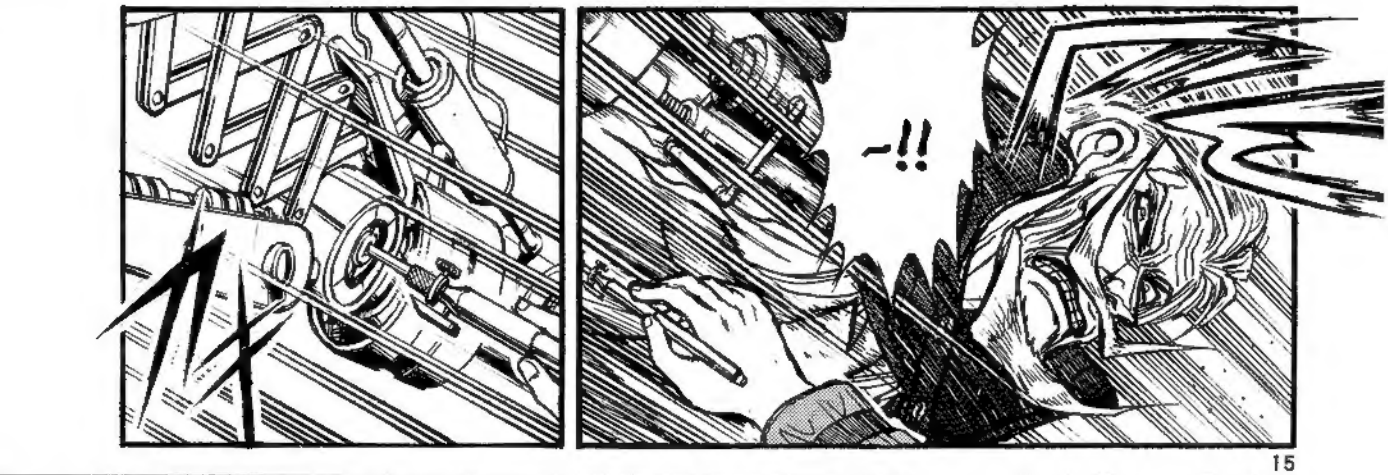
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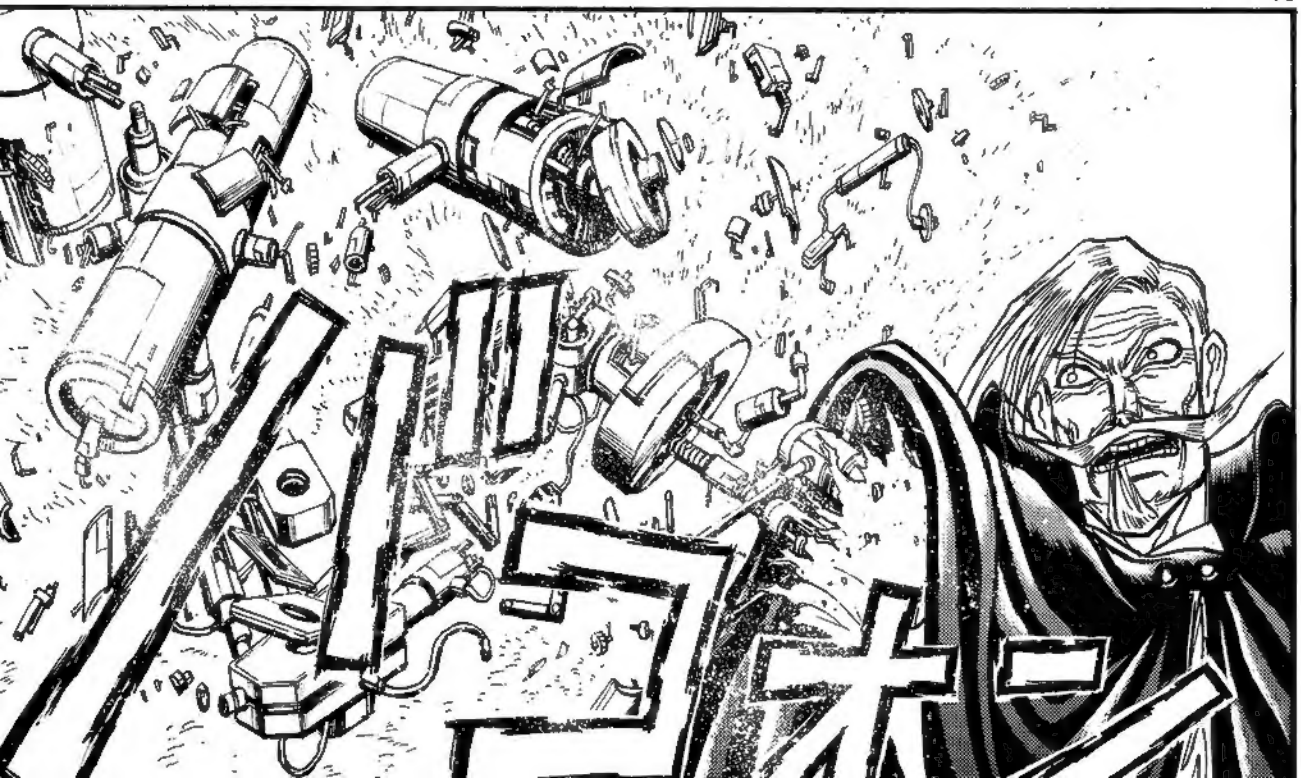

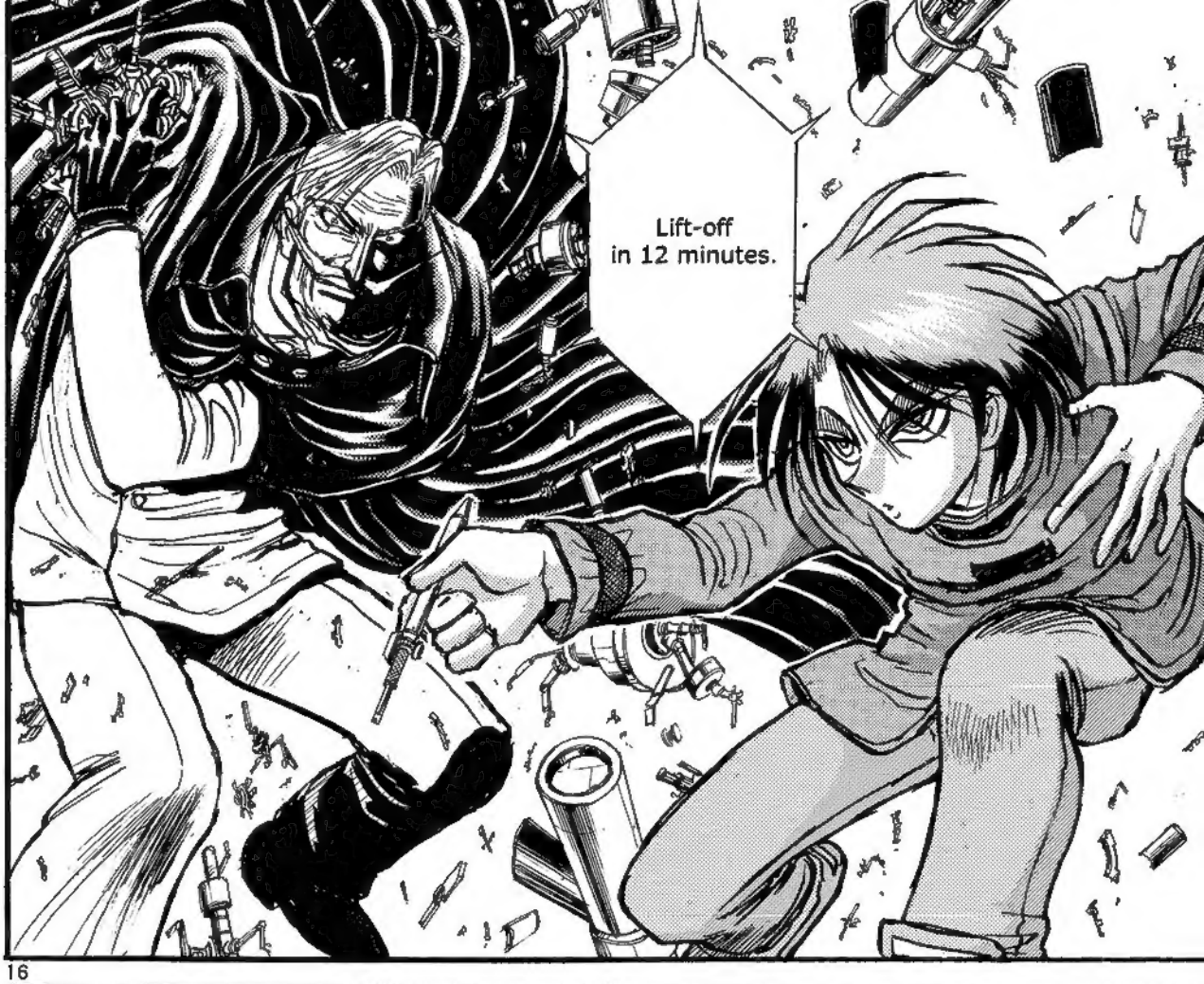
Lift-off
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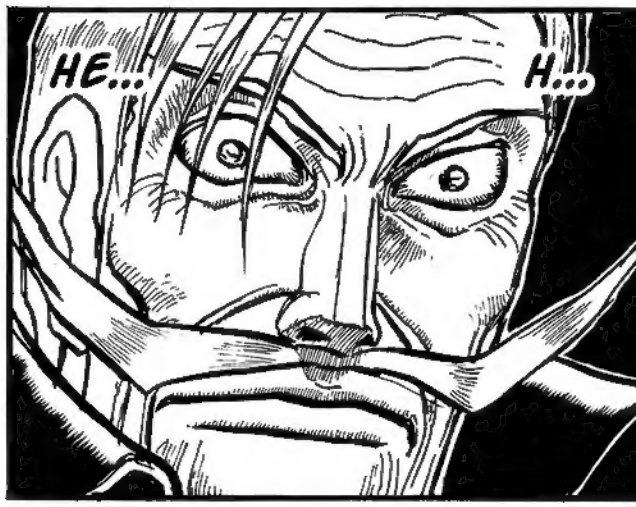
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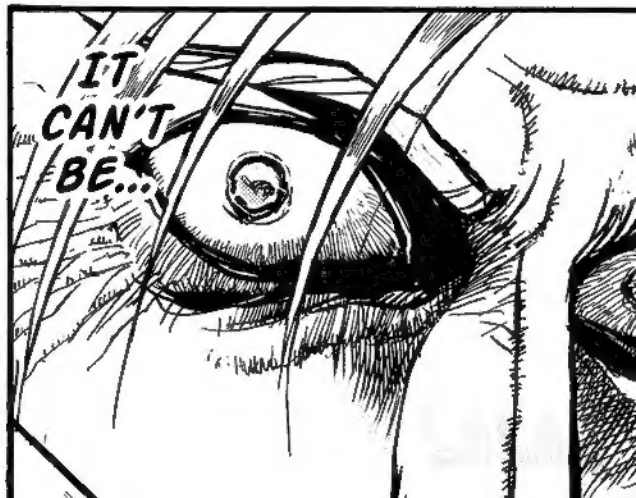
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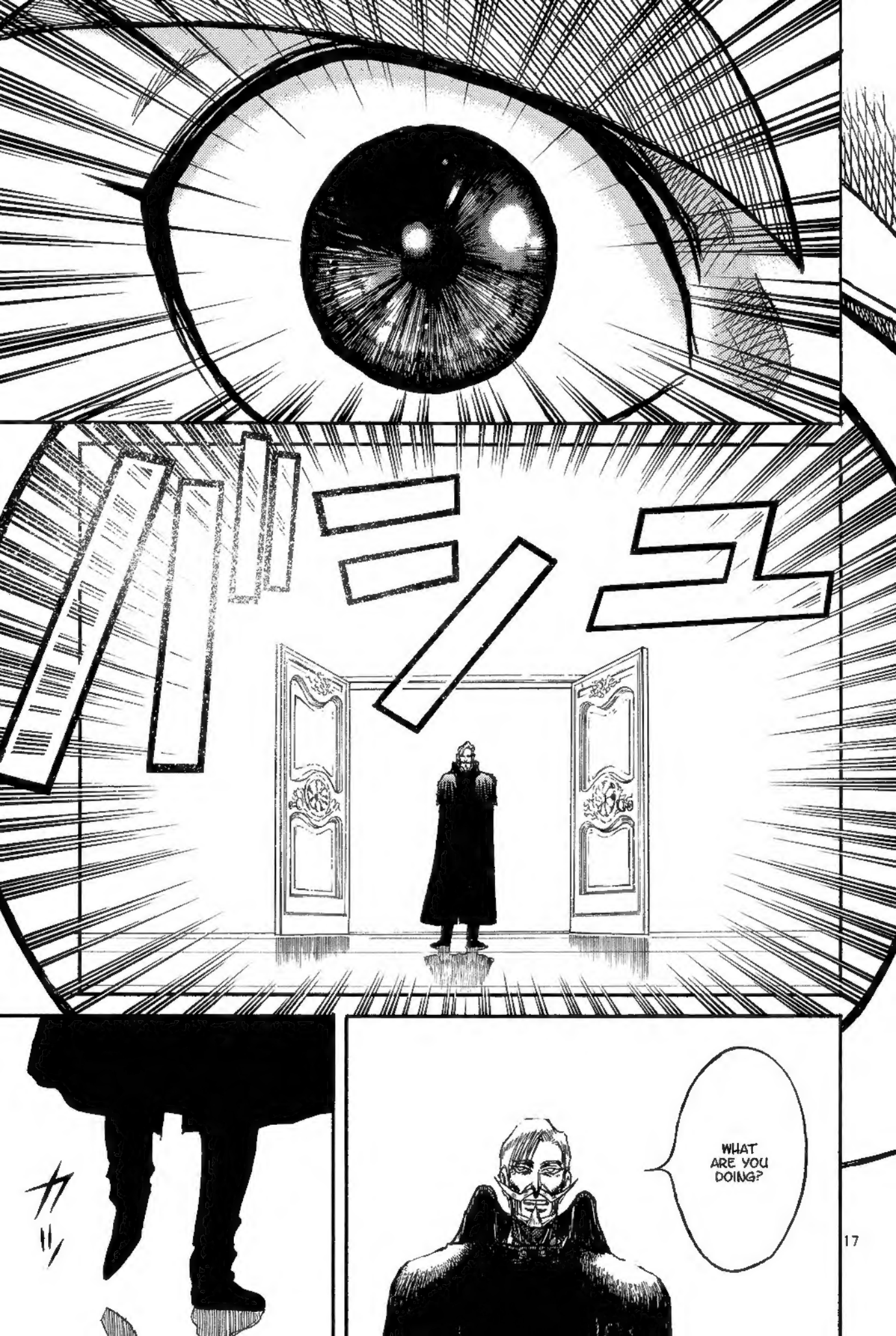
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WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

THIS IS MY ROOM NOW...
HOW LONG ARE YOU PLANNING TO STAY HERE?

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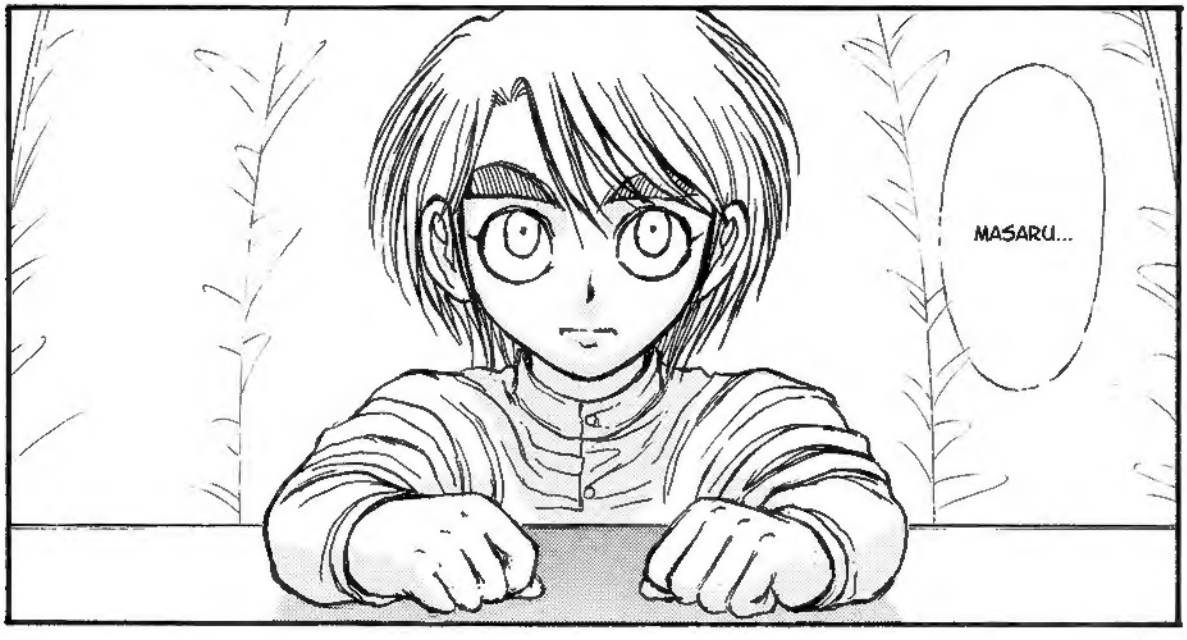
MASARU...